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TWO FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR CONVICTED IN BRIBERY SCHEME

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal jury convicted 31-year-old Louis Alfonso Krezdorn, an unlicensed private investigator, of conspiracy to access Federal computers for personal gain and bribery. The jury also convicted Krezdorn of four substantive counts of bribery of a federal official and four substantive counts unauthorized access to Federal interest computers.

On March 31, 2004, a separate federal jury convicted Krezdorn's father, 54-year-old Louis Valdez Krezdorn, a former U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspector at the Eagle Pass Port of Entry, of the same charges. Both men face up to 15 years in federal prison per bribery charge and up to five years in federal prison on each of the conspiracy and unauthorized access charges. Sentencing is scheduled for July.

Jurors found that from December 2001 to March 12, 2003, Louis Alfonso Krezdorn received a total of \$5,055 from an undercover agent seeking confidential information concerning criminal records, immigration status, warrants and other information about certain individuals from federal law enforcement computers. Louis Alfonso Krezdorn, in turn, paid his father for obtaining the confidential immigration information. He also paid 33-year-old Juan Alberto Garcia, who at the time was a Maverick County Constable, for confidential information regarding criminal records Garcia obtained by accessing the Department of Justice's National Crime Information Center through the Eagle Pass Police Department and Maverick County Sheriff's Department computers.

Garcia, who pled guilty to accessing federal computers for private gain prior to trial, faces up to five years in federal prison. Sentencing for Garcia is scheduled for 8:30am on April 18, 2004.

"Government employees will be held to the highest standard of conduct and official record systems that safeguard our border will be protected from unauthorized access," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton. "The juries from along the border understood the importance of these objectives when they convicted the Krezdorns."

This case is being investigated by the Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorneys Ray and LeRoy Jahn are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.